

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing below of the claims presents in amended form claims 1 through 8 that were approved and accepted in the international phase of the corresponding PCT application. The following claims replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A loader for agricultural tractors equipped with ~~standard~~ hydraulically ~~manoeuvrable~~ maneuverable, parallel lifting arms (1, 2) which are pivotally mounted ~~in~~ at the rear part of the tractor ~~and provided together~~ with a ~~centre~~ center attachment (3) ~~in the tractor member~~ between the lifting arms, ~~characterised in that the~~ said loader ~~includes comprising~~ two parallel loader arms (5, 6) including means for attachment of the loader arms to respective tractor-mounted lifting arms (1, 2) ~~such as~~ to extend rearwardly in a generally ~~in the~~ longitudinal direction ~~axis of the lifting arms (1,2); in that~~ relative to the tractor; a ~~centre~~ hydraulically extendable center rod (7) ~~that can be extended hydraulically during operation including an inner end for connection with the center attachment member and that~~ extends outwardly from ~~said centre~~ the center attachment (3) member substantially parallel with the lifting arms; ~~and in that~~ wherein outer ends of respective loader arms (5,6) and ~~the~~ an outer end of the ~~centre~~ center rod (7) are adapted for connection to a working implement or appliance (12).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the loader arms (5, 6) are ~~bent~~ inclined upwards in a region (13, 14) outwardly of and close to ~~the free~~ an outer end of a respective lifting ~~arms~~ (1, 2) arm.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein respective ~~arms~~ (5, 6) loader arm outer ends and the outer end (8, 9; 10) of the ~~centre~~ center rod is ~~provided with~~ include attachment means (11) for attachment to a working implement (12).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ~~bending angle~~ inclination of the loader arms (5, 6) ~~can be adjusted~~ relative to the lifter arms is adjustable.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1, 2, 3 ~~or 4~~ ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the connecting means included at the outer ~~end~~ (8, 9) ends of respective loader arms (5, 6) is include a ~~joint which is~~ pivot adapted to pivotally support ~~an~~ the working implement (12) ~~or an implement attachment (11)~~; and ~~in that included~~ wherein at the ~~free~~ outer end (10) of the ~~centre~~ center rod (7) is a pivot joint ~~which is~~ adapted for pivotal connection to a the working implement (12).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1, 2, 3, ~~4 or 5~~ ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ~~centre~~ center rod (7) includes along its length

an hydraulic piston-cylinder device (47) which functions to change the length of the ~~centre~~ center rod.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5 or 6~~, characterised by including spaced attachment points (~~18-20, 22-23~~) at the free outer end of the ~~centre~~ center rod (7) for co-action with one of an attachment means (~~11~~) or a arm and the working implement (12) , wherein the attachment points are spaced at mutually different distances from the ~~opposite~~ inner end of said ~~centre~~ center rod.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A loader according to Claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7~~, characterised in that wherein inner ends of respective loader arms (~~5, 6~~) are secured at their inner parts to the ~~standard attachment means of a~~ respective lifting arms (~~1, 2~~) provided to this end arm by means of one of cotter pins [[,]] and split pins or the like (31); and in that wherein respective loader arms (~~5, 6~~) project to some extent in beneath extend below respective lifting arms (~~1, 2~~) for abutment with the and abut an underside of a respective lifting arms arm.